

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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Look inside for details on camping,
beaches, interpretive
programs and much
more!



Distance Chart

Measurements include distance by ferry and Bridge. To convert to miles multiply by 5/8 or 0.6 (100 km equals approximately 60 miles)

	Fort Amherst/Port-la-Joye	Province House	Ardgowan	P.E.I. Nat. Park - Cavendish	P.E.I. Nat. Park - Dalvay	Charlottetown	Summerside	Confederation Bridge	Wood Islands Ferry	U.S. Border (Calais, ME)	Québec Border (Cabano)	Moncton, New Brunswick	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Fort Amherst/Port-la-Joye		16	18	55	43	16	77	80	77	414	460	155	268
Province House	16		2	39	27	0	71	56	61	427	473	158	227
Ardgowan	18	2		37	25	2	71	55	62	426	472	167	213
P.E.I. Nat. Park - Cavendish	55	39	37		35	39	36	55	100	429	475	170	291
P.E.I. Nat. Park - Dalvay	43	27	25	35		27	71	90	89	464	510	205	220
Charlottetown	16	0	2	39	27		71	56	61	427	473	158	227
Summerside	77	71	71	36	71	71		28	132	402	448	163	323
Confederation Bridge	80	56	55	55	90	56	28		117	374	420	115	266
Wood Islands Ferry	77	61	62	100	89	61	132	117		511	723	252	191
U.S. Border (Calais, ME)	414	427	426	429	464	427	402	374	511		360	259	530
Québec Border (Cabano)	460	473	472	475	510	473	448	420	723	360		305	742
Moncton, New Brunswick	155	158	167	170	205	158	163	115	252	259	305		271
Halifax, Nova Scotia	268	227	213	291	220	227	323	266	191	530	742	271	

Canada's Family of Heritage Treasures

Like the call of a loon or the rhythm of a restless sea, the heritage of Atlantic Canada expresses our Canadian identity. Our national parks, national historic sites and national historic canals symbolize the important link between stewardship of the land and respect for our human heritage. Parks Canada is proud of its leadership role in preserving and maintaining Canada's rich natural and cultural heritage – proud to bring you Canada's best.

Parks Canada's mandate is to provide for the use and enjoyment of Canadians, a system of National Parks, National Historic Sites and related protected areas and to manage these places in a manner that leaves them unimpaired for future generations.

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WELCOME

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Prince Edward Island National Park and National Historic Sites... where sand, sea and heritage abound. The size of Canada's smallest province highlights its cultural heritage and natural beauty. The Island is also the setting of L.M. Montgomery's classic novel, *Anne of Green Gables*.

The rich cultural history of the Island can be discovered at our national historic sites: Province House, Ardgowan and Fort Amherst–Port-la-Joye. Other famous landmarks include Green

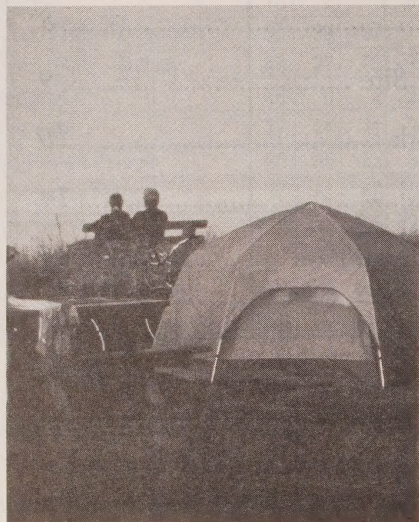
Gables and the Dalvay-by-the-Sea Hotel. The Island's natural beauty can be explored in Prince Edward Island National Park which offers 40 kilometres (24 miles) of spectacular beaches.

Whether you're here for a day or a week-long adventure, this Vacation Planner will help you make the most of your visit.

Rolling hills, pastoral farmlands, glistening sand dunes, red cliffs jutting into the sea— come discover Prince Edward Island, a place where dreams become memories!

Did You Know...

- Prince Edward Island is the “Birthplace of Confederation”. It was here, at Province House National Historic Site in 1864, that the Charlottetown Conference was held, which eventually led to Canada’s Confederation in 1867.



Camping is one of the best ways to experience Prince Edward Island National Park

- Prince Edward Island National Park is home to the endangered Piping Plover. Fewer than 25 pairs nest in the Park, representing nearly two per cent of the world’s dwindling population.

- The famous Green Gables, a setting for Lucy Maud Montgomery’s world-renowned novel *Anne of Green Gables*, is located within Prince Edward Island National Park. The success of this novel has brought many visitors to Green Gables. In 1936, its great popularity and literary significance prompted the federal government to preserve the house and surrounding farmlands.
- Our programs are available in English and French.
- Our park and sites offer many special events. Please inquire.

Please Remember

- National parks and historic sites are for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Please leave these areas as you found them, so that others may enjoy them as you have.
- Pets are welcome in national parks and on the grounds of historic sites, but must be kept on a leash.
- Service dogs may accompany owners into all areas of the national park and historic sites.



*The Capital Commission of PEI
Confederation Players Program
at Province House National
Historic Site*

Partners in Heritage

Entry fees are charged at all national parks and at most national historic sites. In Prince Edward Island, daily entry fees range, on average, from \$3 to \$6 for an adult (subject to change). Reduced rates are offered for children, seniors and families. And if you visit a park or site often, ask about the availability of seasonal or multi-day passes. In national parks, fees are charged for camping, golf, and other such services. Fees may also be charged for special programs and events.

The money raised through entry fees is used to preserve the parks and sites, and maintain the quality of visitor services and facilities. Therefore, each time you visit a park or site you are investing in its future — and in a legacy for future generations.

Group Tours & Travel Trade








Most parks and sites offer special services and fees for commercial and educational groups. Please contact the park and sites directly for details on specific services and reservation requirements. To add your company's name to our mailing list, and to receive travel trade information please call (902) 566-7050.



*Green Gables, Prince Edward
Island National Park*

For Your Convenience

The legend identifies the services which may be available at the park and sites. Watch for these symbols throughout this Vacation Planner when planning your visit to our park and sites.

-  Public washrooms
-  Parking
-  Public telephone
-  Gift shop
-  Restaurant/Coffee Shop
-  Picnic facilities
-  Totally or partially accessible. Services, including closed captioning, vary; please inquire.

FORT AMHERST—PORT-LA-JOYE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

It was here in 1720 that French and Acadian families established a settlement called Port-la-Joye. The post's strategic location made it a valuable colonial outpost between Quebec and Louisbourg, and an administrative centre for the Island colony.

The Island changed hands twice before the British confirmed their possession in 1758. In that year, Fort Amherst was constructed near the ruins of the former French post, and about 3,000 Acadians were deported. Ten years later, the garrison withdrew and the fort fell into ruin. All that remains today are the grass-covered earth works.

The majority of French-speaking residents of Prince Edward Island are descendents of families who escaped the Deportation or who later returned from exile.

Getting There

Located at Rocky Point, P.E.I., the Site is 20 minutes from Charlottetown. Take the Trans-Canada Highway to Cornwall,

and turn south onto Highway 19. The fort is a 15-minute drive down this route.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan at least two hours to visit the Site.
- View the exhibits and video in the Visitor Centre.
- See archaeological artifacts unearthed at the Site.
- Explore the earthenworks and wooded nature trail, and then picnic on the grounds.
- Watch sailboats and cruise ships in Charlottetown Harbour.
- Visit the *1720s Cafe* at the Visitor Centre or enjoy a delicious picnic lunch.

For Your Convenience



Atlantic Canada's National Parks and National Historic Sites

New Brunswick

1. St. Andrews Blockhouse
2. Carleton Martello Tower
3. Fundy National Park
4. Monument-Lefebvre / Acadian Odyssey
5. Fort Beauséjour
6. Kouchibouguac National Park
7. Beaubears Island
- ▲ Saint Croix Island
International Historic Site

Nova Scotia

8. Fort Edward
9. Grand-Pré
10. New England Planters Exhibit
11. Fort Anne
12. Port-Royal
13. Kejimikujik National Park
14. Bank Fishery/Age of Sail Exhibit
15. York Redoubt
16. Halifax Citadel
17. Georges Island
18. Prince of Wales Tower
19. Fort McNab
20. Grassy Island
21. Alexander Graham Bell
22. Cape Breton Highlands National Park
23. Marconi
24. Fortress of Louisbourg
25. St. Peters Canal

Prince Edward Island (PEI)

26. Fort Amherst-Port-la-Joye
27. Province House
28. Ardgowan
29. Prince Edward Island National Park

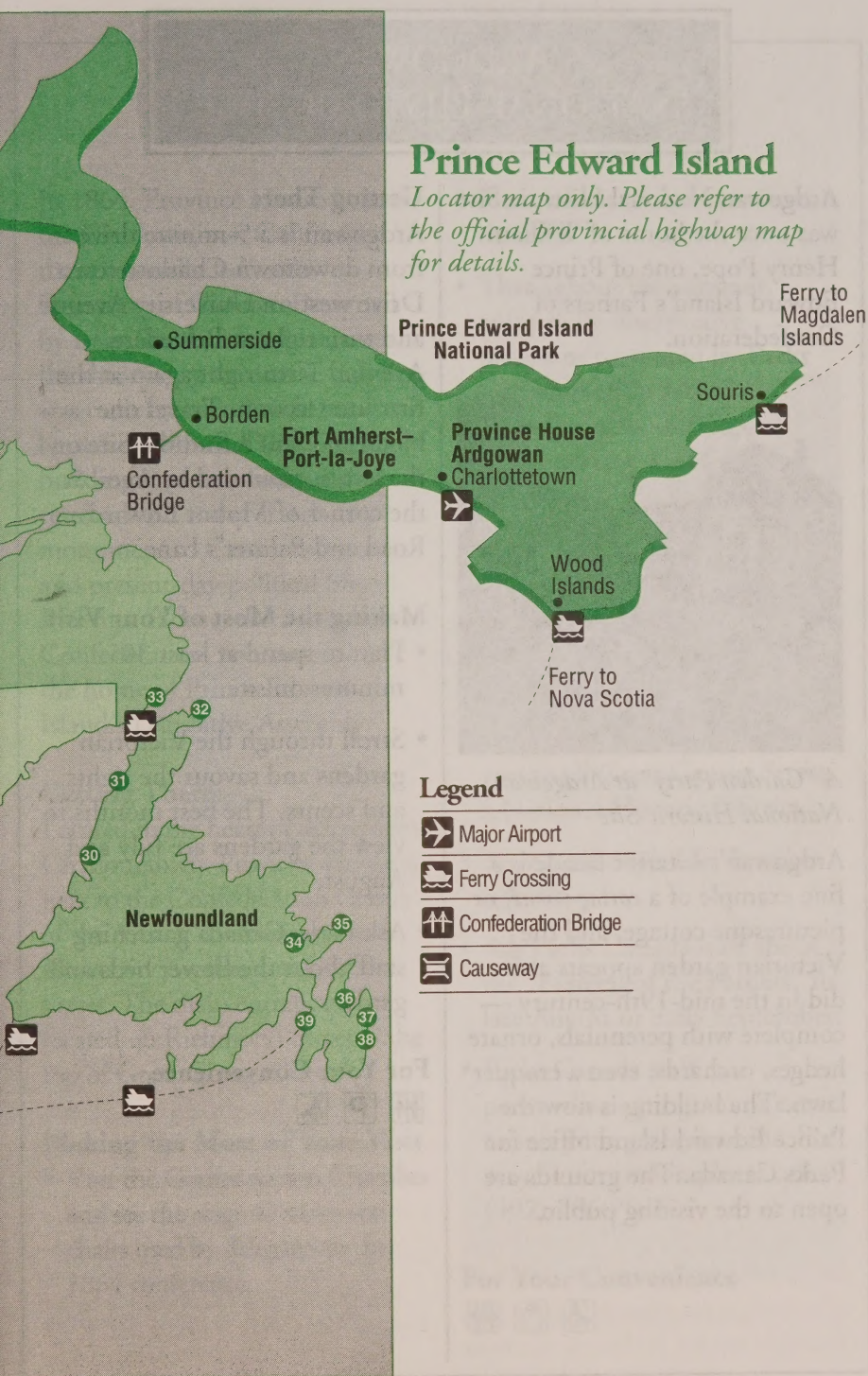
Newfoundland and Labrador

30. Gros Morne National Park
31. Port au Choix
32. L'Anse aux Meadows
33. Red Bay
34. Terra Nova National Park
35. Ryan Premises
36. Hawthorne Cottage
37. Signal Hill
38. Cape Spear
39. Castle Hill



Prince Edward Island

Locator map only. Please refer to the official provincial highway map for details.



Legend



Major Airport



Ferry Crossing



Confederation Bridge



Causeway

ARDGOWAN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Ardgowan National Historic Site was once the home of William Henry Pope, one of Prince Edward Island's Fathers of Confederation.



A "Garden Party" at Ardgowan National Historic Site

Ardgowan's exterior facade is a fine example of a *cottage orné*, or picturesque cottage, and the Victorian garden appears as it did in the mid-19th-century — complete with perennials, ornate hedges, orchards, even a croquet lawn. The building is now the Prince Edward Island office for Parks Canada. The grounds are open to the visiting public.

Getting There

Ardgowan is a 5-minute drive from downtown Charlottetown. Drive west on University Avenue and turn right at Belvedere Avenue. Turn right again at the first intersection. Travel one block and you'll find the Site on the left, surrounded by trees, at the corner of Mount Edward Road and Palmer's Lane.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least 30 minutes on site.
- Stroll through the Victorian gardens and savour the sights and scents. The best months to view the gardens are July and August.
- Ask Parks Canada gardening staff about the flower beds and gardens.

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PROVINCE HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In 1864, Province House hosted the Charlottetown Conference that eventually led to the formation of Canada. Designed by Isaac Smith, a local architect, the three-story sandstone building was built by Island craftsmen between 1843 and 1847. The building has been faithfully restored and today stands as a monument to Canadian history and present-day political life. Province House, the Birthplace of Confederation, continues to be the home of Prince Edward Island's Legislative Assembly.

Getting There

Located in the heart of downtown Charlottetown, Province House is next to the Confederation Centre of the Arts, at the intersection of University Avenue and Grafton Street. The main entrance is located on Richmond Street at the top of Great George Street.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Visit the Confederation Chamber and see the original tables and chairs used by delegates to the 1864 conference.

- Plan at least 45 minutes to visit the Site.
- Throughout the summer, enjoy daily interpretive programs presented by Parks Canada staff in period costume. Also, the Capital Commissions' Confederation Players perform daily vignettes during the summer.
- Watch the 15-minute audio-visual presentation and visit the interpretive displays.
- Imagine the arrival of the Fathers of Confederation as you stroll Great George Street, a National Historic District.
- Browse through Mrs Preedy's Gift Shop.
- Ask Parks Canada staff about the "Festival of the Fathers" in late August or early September.
- Parks Canada staff can personalize a program or event to suit your group's needs. For more information please call (902) 566-7626.

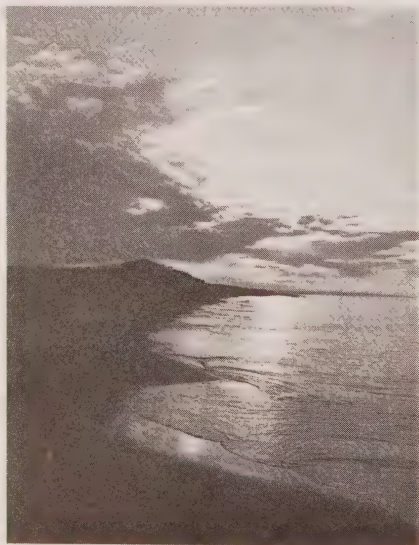
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Stretching along the north shore of the Island along the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward Island National Park was once home to the Mi'kmaq, Acadian fishermen and British farmers. The area became a popular vacation spot in the late 19th-century and was designated a national park in 1937.

The Park protects a spectacular system of sand dunes, beaches, sandstone cliffs, saltmarshes and freshwater ponds, as well as two cultural landmarks: Green Gables and Dalvay-by-the-Sea Hotel.



The Park boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in Atlantic Canada

Getting There

All six entrances to the Park are located off the Blue Heron Drive (Highway 6) north of Charlottetown. For the most central entrance, drive past the Charlottetown Airport for 15 minutes along Brackley Pt. Road.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan at least three days to visit the Park.
- Tune into 1490 AM on your radio for an introduction to the Park.
- In July and August, take part in regularly scheduled park activities which provide hours of fun and relaxation for the entire family.
- Enjoy lunch or dinner at Dalvay-by-the-Sea Hotel. This old Victorian Inn was depicted in the television series "Road to Avonlea" as the White Sands Hotel.
- Take a sunset stroll on the beach.
- Picnic by the sea at one of the designated picnic areas in the Park.

Camping

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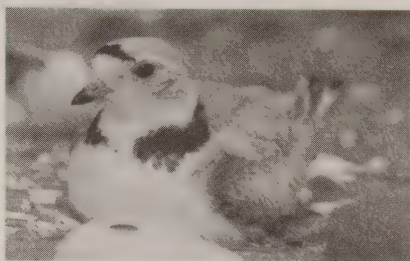
Camping is one of the best ways to truly experience and appreciate nature and the beauty of Prince Edward Island National Park. Whether you are interested in secluded beauty or an activity-filled stay, our campgrounds have it all. Enjoy incredible views close to the ocean, excellent interpretive programs and a clean, safe environment. For reservations, please call 1-800-213-PARK (7275).

Rustico Island Campground

Beautiful, rustic campground with extra large sites. Close to beaches and hiking/walking trails. Recreational equipment available on site. A mecca for windsurfers and outdoor enthusiasts alike, this campground overlooks beautiful Rustico Bay. Showers, flush toilets, kitchen shelters. Campfires permitted on selected sites. Interpretive programs provided.

Stanhope Campground

A picturesque, quiet campground located close to main beaches, walking/hiking trails, and new playground area. Recreational equipment also available on site. Full range of sites available. Showers, flush toilets, laundromat



The Piping Plover, an endangered species, nests on some of the beaches in Prince Edward Island National Park

and kitchen shelters. Accessible sites, kitchen shelter, washroom and access to main beach. Interpretive programs provided.

Cavendish Campground

Close to all amenities; featuring over 300 sites. Exceptional recreational opportunities abound, such as our supervised beach within the campground and the spectacular Homestead Trail, offering 8 kms suitable for hiking and cycling. Recreational equipment available on site. Showers, flush toilets, laundromat and kitchen shelters. Interpretive programs provided.

Brackley Group Tenting

Large secluded area. Equipped with modern playground equipment, tennis courts, group campfire pit, kitchen shelters, flush toilets and running water. Ideal location for group camping



Park interpreters share their knowledge of the Park

activities. Area is reserved for organized groups only, reservations accepted. Please call (902) 672-6350 for reservations.

Off-Season / Winter Camping

Centrally located in Dalvay, close to both the Dalvay Activity Centre and ski shelter. Cycling, ski and snowshoe trails in the immediate area. Running water and pit privies on site. Please register at Dalvay Administrative Office, located 1 km from camping area.

Hiking

Walking along a woodland trail is one of the best ways to explore Prince Edward Island National Park. Six hiking trails offer everything from a 30-minute hike to a half-day adventure. Take your pick or explore them all.

Stroll across a pond on a floating boardwalk, loop through a spruce forest past the old Stanhope Cemetery, or along the shore of New London Bay. Explore the Haunted Wood and Balsam Hollow trails near Green Gables to discover some of the areas which inspired Lucy Maud Montgomery's popular novel *Anne of Green Gables*.

Trail difficulty is indicated: Easy "E", Moderate "M", Difficult "D"

Reeds and Rushes Trail — 0.5 km loop (E)

This trail takes you through woodlands and out to a floating boardwalk over a barrachois pond. Interpretive panels. Wheelchair accessible. Begins just west of the Dalvay Administration Building on the Gulf Shore Parkway. Level: easy. Hiking time: 30 minutes.

Farmlands Trail — 2 km loop (E)

Winds past a pioneer cemetery and old farmhouse sites set in a background of domestic plants gone-wild, mixed with native vegetation. Begins off the Gulf Shore Parkway between Stanhope and Dalvay. Level: easy with some gradual slopes. Hiking time: 1 hour.

Bubbling Springs Trail — 2 km loop (E)

Begins at Farmlands trail head. Loops through a mixed woodland beside Long Pond and past a natural bubbling spring. Interpretive panels, waterfowl, observation shelters, rest areas. Level: easy. Hiking time: 1 hour. This trail is also tracked for cross-country skiing.

Homestead Trail — 5.5 km loop or 8 km loop (2 routes) (E)

Hike or cycle through woodlands, along the shore of New London Bay and past cultivated farmlands on this trail. Bicycles allowed. Rest areas. Begins just west of the entrance to the Cavendish Campground. Level: easy. Hiking time: 2-3 hours.

Haunted Wood Trail — 1.6 km loop (E)

Let the Haunted Wood inspire you as it once inspired Lucy Maud Montgomery for her novel *Anne of Green Gables*. Interpretive panels. Begins in front of Green Gables at the bottom of the hill. Level: easy with steep slopes and steps in some areas. Hiking time: 45 minutes.

Balsam Hollow Trail — 1 km loop (E)

Another inspiration for Lucy Maud Montgomery. Interpretive panels. Begins at Lover's Lane behind

Green Gables House. Level: easy with slopes and steps in some areas. Hiking time: 30 minutes.

Woodlands Trail — 3 multiple loops, 4.8 km in total (M)

Cycle or hike along this trail through naturally regenerating fields, red pine plantations and a former tree nursery. Tracked for cross-country skiing during the winter months. Level: moderate

Dunelands Trail — 1 km boardwalk (E)

Explore this beautiful trail overlooking Cavendish Beach West. Two spectacular look-outs, floating boardwalk and interpretive panels. Access to Cavendish Main Beach.

Recreation

With spectacular sandy beaches and warm waters of the Gulf, swimming is a popular activity in Prince Edward Island National Park.

The beaches are not only great for cooling off with a swim, they are also marvelous for walking and exploring.

Cycle along the Homestead Trail or along the two-metre wide paved shoulder of the Gulf Shore Parkway. Play golf at the 18-hole Green Gables Golf Course in Cavendish.

For Your Convenience



GREEN GABLES

Lucy Maud Montgomery is one of Canada's most beloved writers. The setting of her classic novel *Anne of Green Gables* was based on the small farming community of Cavendish where she grew up. The fictional Green Gables was inspired by this farm site, once owned by cousins of her grandfather.

In 1937, the house and surrounding farmland were preserved within Prince Edward National Park. The house is furnished to portray the period setting described in the novel. Nearby walking trails with interpretive signs highlight some of Montgomery's favourite woodland haunts. Recent additions to Green Gables include a new Visitor Centre, period demonstrations, period food outlets, gift shop, theatre, and a period farm and exhibits.

Getting There

Green Gables can be found in the western end of Prince Edward Island National Park on Highway 6, west of the intersection at Route 13. It is a 30-minute drive from Charlottetown and 40 minutes from Confederation Bridge.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least one hour to see the House and explore the grounds and other buildings.
- Be a "kindred spirit" and stroll down Lover's Lane or through the Haunted Wood.
- Explore the restored farmstead and view demonstrations of typical farm chores.
- Enjoy one of the brief introductory talks given hourly in July and August.
- Be sure to read the novel or see the movie prior to (or after) your visit.
- Quieter times to visit the site are May, June, September and October. In July and August, plan your visit for the evening when it is less crowded.
- View a wide variety of exhibits pertaining to Lucy Maud Montgomery and Green Gables.
- In off-hours, we are able to design a personalized program. For more information please call (902) 566-7050.









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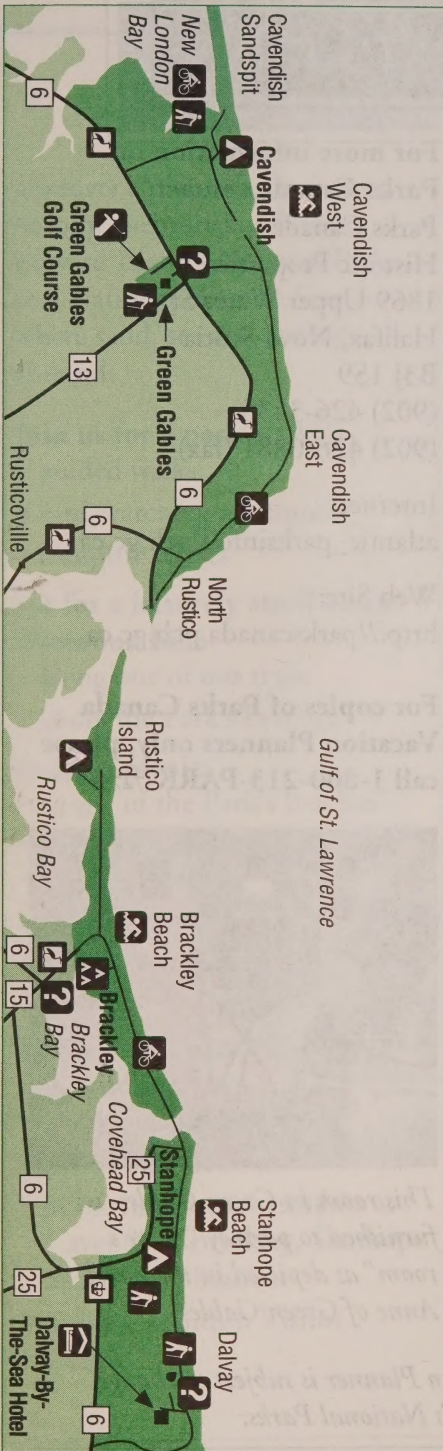


Prince Edward Island National Park

A 40 km stretch of coastline along the Island's north shore, Prince Edward Island National Park protects sand dunes, beaches, sandstone cliffs, freshwater ponds, saltmarshes and woodlands, as well as two cultural landmarks: Green Gables and Dalway-by-the-Sea Hotel. The recommended visiting time is three days.

Legend

	Hiking Trail		Camping
	Information		Group Camping
	Cycling		Supervised Swimming
	Golf Course		Accommodations



HOW TO CONTACT US

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**For general travel and tourism
information on Prince Edward
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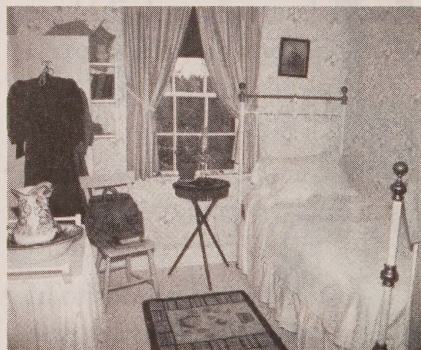
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call 1-800-213-PARK (7275)**



*This room in Green Gables is
furnished to portray "Anne's
room" as depicted in the novel
Anne of Green Gables*

*Note: All information in this Vacation Planner is subject to change.
Hunting is not permitted in Canada's National Parks.*

THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO

Discover a place where dreams become memories... Prince Edward Island's National Park and National Historic Sites – where sand, sea and heritage abound.

Join us for a park activity

- guided walks
- bird-watching adventures
- campfire circles

Go for a leisurely stroll or an afternoon hike

- along one of our trails
- along the Park's beaches

Enjoy a picnic

- at any of the Park's beaches
- at picnic areas located throughout the Park
- overlooking beautiful Charlottetown at Fort Amherst–Port-la-Joye

Learn about natural habitats and wildlife

- along our trails
- at our Park activities
- at the interpretive exhibits at Cavendish, Brackley, Stanhope and Dalvay beaches
- at the Cavendish Visitor Centre

Watch the birds

- at Brackley Marsh
- at Orby Head
- off the Covehead wharf
- along the Rustico Island Causeway

When it rains...

A walk on the beach can be very special in the rain, so don't let the rain dampen your spirits. Here are a few ideas on how to enjoy a rainy day:

- attend a Park activity
- explore the Cavendish Visitor Centre exhibits and gift shop
- enjoy a barbecue in a picnic shelter
- visit the new redevelopment at Green Gables
- visit with a Park Interpreter and learn about the heritage, culture and natural beauty of the area
- enjoy an audio-visual program at Fort Amherst–Port-la-Joye National Historic Site or Province House National Historic Site, considered the "Birthplace of Confederation"

FOLLOW THE BEAVER



The beaver symbol is your guide to national parks and national historic sites across Canada.

Follow the beaver signs located along highways and roads to Prince Edward Island's National Park and Historic Sites:

- Fort Amherst—Port-la-Joye
- Ardgowan
- Province House
- Green Gables
- Prince Edward Island National Park

